

WASHINGTON, DC-

Congressman Lee Terry today released the following statement marking the date H.R. 1938, the North American Made Energy Security Act, would have required the approval or denial of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

The bill, authored by Terry, passed by a bipartisan vote of 279 to 147 on July 26.

"Had the Senate acted, November 1st could have been a day when we set the stage for the creation of tens of thousands of American jobs, when we took another step to strengthen our national energy security, and which could have helped stabilize our fuel markets. Unfortunately, the Senate chose to sit on their hands and let this important deadline – one that could have lessened our reliance on foreign sources of energy – pass by."